

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 307

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, MCAB, VS

SUBJECT: INTENSIFIED PSYOPS TO DETER NORTH VIETNAMESE AGGRESSION

REF: STATE 247263

1. AS PPOG AWARE, WE WELCOME DECISION TO PRESS FORWARD WITH NEW AND INTENSIFIED PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS CAMPAIGN AS PART OF OVERALL U.S. ATTEMPT TO DETER NVN AGGRESSION.

2. OBJECTIVES LISTED PARA 2 REFTTEL PERTINENT AND TIMELY AND REPRESENT CONTINUATION OF MEDIA THEMES WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN ADOPTED.

3. IN ORDER TO MOVE INTO HIGH GEAR AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE ON VOA CAMPAIGN, REQUEST ASSIGNMENT TO SAIGON ON TDY STATUS OF SKILLED PROPAGANDA WRITER TO PRODUCE CMDIO SCRIPTS AND COMMENTARIES AND LEAFLET TEXTS. WE HAVE IN MIND SOMEONE LIKE NICK RUGGIERI WHOM WE UNDERSTAND IS RETIRED BUT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE FOR A SHORT TERM CONTRACT.

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4. IN ADDITION, RECOMMEND PPOG CONSIDER TRANSFER TO SAIGON FROM OKINAWA OF CIVILIAN ELEMENTS OF THE 224TH PSYOF DET. (VN) AND THE INDOCHINA DESKS OF THE 15TH PSYOF DET. CURRENTLY ATTACHED TO 7TH PSYOPS GROUP IN OKINAWA. THESE WOULD PROVIDE US WITH MUCH NEEDED

RAPID REACTION CAPABILITY TO SUBJECTS OF OPPORTUNITY WHICH WE  
NEED WHETHER OR NOT WE DECIDE TO GO AHEAD WITH HIGH ALTITUDE  
WIND DRIFT LEAFLET PROGRAM.

5. RE PARA 6 REFTTEL, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT MEETING WOULD  
BE USEFUL AND SUGGEST LATTER PART OF FEBRUARY WITH BANGKOK  
AS VENUE.

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